

Core PE – Option 4 BTEC Dance

What is the BTEC Dance Tech Award all about?

The BTEC Tech Award is equivalent to one GCSE and runs over two and a half hours per week. The practical course enables students with an interest in a variety of Dance styles to learn more about the dance sector. Students will be expected to participate in practical dance classes as well as theory lessons focusing on coursework submissions. You need to have had some experience in Dance to do the course but most importantly you must be prepared to work hard and commit to rehearsals and clubs after school when completing coursework. We would strongly encourage all BTEC students to be involved in a dance activity in school e.g. Senior Dance Club, Ballet Club or one of the resident companies; SYCD or Tuxedo (audition only).

What topics will I cover?

The course is made up of **three components**: two that are internally assessed and one that's externally assessed. The three-block structure, **explore, develop and apply**, has been developed to allow students to build on and embed their knowledge.

Component 1 = Exploring the Performing Arts

Internally assessed task = 30% of the course

Students will explore performance styles, creative intentions and purpose as well as investigate how practitioners create and influence what's performed through looking at performance roles, skills, techniques and processes.

Component 2 = Developing skills and techniques in the Performing Arts

Internally assessed task = 30% of the course

Students will take part in workshops, classes and rehearsals and gain physical, interpretative, vocal and rehearsal skills. These skills will then be applied in performance and reflected upon.

Component 3 = Performing to a brief

Externally assessed task = 40% of the course

Students work in groups of between 3 and 7 members to create a performance based on a set brief.

How am I assessed?

There is one externally assessed task worth 40%, but this is carried out practically in groups. The remaining 60% is all coursework based and can often help those students who find examinations difficult.

What examination board will I follow?

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Is there any additional information about this course?

You will participate in a combination of practical and theory lessons to ensure each component is covered. It is important that you are able to meet strict coursework deadlines.

Who should I speak to for further information?

Miss Meeking or Miss Davies